Principal's Report

Connectedness is one of Reece High School’s values. One way to build connectedness is by participating in school events – having a go and making the most of opportunities. Term 3 has provided many opportunities for members of our school community to be connected beyond the classroom.

Last week we saw our staff, students and students from our local primary schools come together to attempt to break a word record. Although we missed out on the record it was a fantastic to see this large group work together for a common purpose.

Our school production team are busy with a range of jobs at the moment: rehearsals, set creation, sourcing costumes and promotion to name a few. The commitment of students and staff involved has been fantastic. I am looking forward to the culmination of this hard work in October.

During the term we have had a large number of students representing the school in a range of sports. Congratulations to all players for their participation in Reece High teams. A special congratulations to the Grade 8 and 9/10 netball teams, grade 10 football team and the 9/10 soccer team who were successful in winning respective divisions.

Our teams would not be able participate without the support of parents and staff to coach teams or transport players. We thank you for your contributions.

Our grade 10 students have been busy preparing for life beyond RHS with opportunities to participate in the Don Taster Day, University Trip and mock interviews. Thank you to staff for your time and effort in making these activities possible.

These are just a few highlights from term 3 where students have made the most of opportunities provided to them at Reece. We hope each student takes the opportunities provided to them to be connected in and beyond the classroom in term 4.

Uniform Policy Change

Grey school trousers are now available as part of the girl’s school uniform.

At last week’s School Association meeting a grade 8 student from Reece High made a submission, accompanied with a petition to change the school uniform policy to allow female students to wear grey school trousers as part of the school uniform. The school association supported the request.

RHS will undertake a detailed review of the School Uniform policy in 2015.

Enjoy your break, we look forward to seeing you all after the holidays ready for a busy and exciting term 4.

Cindy Johnston
Acting Principal
On Monday 15th September, Reece High attempted to go into uncharted territory and break a world record. Our attempt was "The most people to simultaneously run the beep test." This event was planned and coordinated by our school’s Health and Physical Education Committee as a way to promote health and fitness and to strengthen links with our feeder primary schools.

Attempting to break the record were school staff and students from grade 7 to 10 from Reece as well as staff and students from Miandetta, Hillcrest, East Devonport and Spreyton Primary Schools. We also had a few guests from the Advocate and SeaFM join in the attempt.

When initially planning this event, the record was 329 but in the week prior to our event a Hobart based school broke the number and set a new mark of 620 - putting us under much more pressure.

In the end, we had 370 students and staff make it to the level required to count toward the record which left us well short of the intended mark. However, the event was still very successful in achieving the others goals the group set themselves.

It was great to see the majority of our school, along with local primary schools, working together - Well done to all involved.
PATHWAY PLANNING
At the end of the 2014 school year the Guaranteeing Futures program will cease to exist. As a consequence there will no longer be Pathway Planning Officers or a Youth Learning Officer assigned to Reece High School.

Moene Snyders and Natasha Armitstead, our Pathway Planning Officers, wish to reassure the Reece High School community that they will continue working individually with current Year 10 students to best prepare them for their post year 10 transition.

Already advertised Career Awareness programs will also proceed for the remainder of 2014.

Eisteddfods

This year Reece High School entered the 86th annual Devonport Eisteddfod in Dance and Drama categories. The 9 and 10 dance classes were the first to participate in the competition with their dances. Although no win came our way in the dance categories, both classes were awarded high points and the adjudicator mentioned lots of constructive feedback.

A week later saw our Grade 8 drama classes participate in the competition with their spacejump/timewarp scenes they had prepared themselves. We had six teams enter with a random selection of scenes. While sitting in the audience, students were a little nervous (especially when other schools entered the auditorium and they saw their competition!). After all of our performances and watching eight other teams compete, group D (which consisted of Meg Hardman, KC McLean, Emily Ellis and Hamish Brown) won the day with 85 points. The adjudicator thought it was well rehearsed with good energy and strong storylines. Other groups followed up closely with the following results: Group A: 82 points, Group B: 79 points, Group C: 81 points, Group E: 79 points, and Group F: 81 points.

That afternoon two members of our Grade 9 Drama class participated in the duologue section. They were up against seven other competitors and performed very well. They were awarded 74 points with encouraging comments from the adjudicator relating to projection, energy and developing characters.

Well done to all our performers in Drama and Dance. It is not easy to perform in a semi-professional setting that you know is judged. Everyone conducted themselves with respect and maturity towards other competitors and I was very proud to be there representing Reece High School.

Jess Bayles
Dance / Drama Teacher
GRADE 10
STUDENTS
ART WORK
GRADE 7 EXTENDED ENGLISH

In grade 7 extended English students watched a short film called ‘The Dream’. After a variety of discussion and questioning tasks, the students were asked to produce a piece of writing. They needed to think carefully about cohesiveness, strength of images, flow and creativity. The end products were most varied. Here are three of them.

**Dream**

Ever since I was a youngster I have dreamed of becoming a race car driver; zooming around the seemingly never ending track without a care in the world. But that was a long time ago, when the closest thing I got to living that dream was playing with my collection of Hot Wheels matchbox cars.

I’m 20 years old and don’t have a drivers licence, let alone a car. My eyes start to get heavy with sleep and my body shivers, which always happens when I’m exhausted. I turn off the cheap rental television set (oh no, I still have to pay the rent!) and head off to bed.

My head barely makes contact with my soft pillow before my eyes droop shut. It takes a while before I begin to dream, but when I do it feels so real. Adrenaline is pumping through my body as I speed over sand dunes; sand obscuring my view as it hits the windscreen.

I awake soaked in sweat, I did it!

By Eliza Compagne

**Dream – I wish I could Fly!**

The wind howls as I’m close to the clouds.

I’ve always wanted to fly! To feel the wind through my hair; to be completely weightless. One step closer, closer, closer.

Heart beating at a million miles an hour. I’ve never felt this nervous in my entire life, dreaming or not.

The edge of the building is one step up, I’m so excited I struggle that weightless feeling!

I have that weightless feeling!

Immediately I feel the breeze on my face, making my eyes water. Further and further down I go; the ground starts to appear. The sound of traffic becomes apparent to me.

Hitting the trees hurt on the way down, but I’m so engaged in this feeling I don’t take much notice.

Bammm!!! It’s all over. I wake in a cold sweat! Within seconds all I could do was smile and laugh! Shortly after I was back in dreamland.

By Sam Winwood

**Dream – The Story of Audrey and Joe**

“And then, I was in Texas! There was this car, this car right, this car was a beauty! It seemed like it was flying!” my husband Joe explained, retelling every detail of his dream from the night before as he awoke from our king sized bed; white with black and grey stitched patterns on it. I stayed in bed, too tired to move. To be honest, I was also too tired to listen to Joseph.

He got up, got dressed and made breakfast. Attending to our three year old daughter; they watched ‘Lazy Town’ and played with blocks.

I must’ve fallen back asleep not long after hearing Sydney (our daughter) crying for some reason.

I dreamt about Joe, his dream, and it seemed strange that I could see him driving that car. He was smiling, having fun. I don’t see much of that anymore, as we have been struggling financially. Now, that’s hard to believe, as our house is huge; a ginormous modern mansion. I designed it; I’ve been an architect for seven years now. I am particularly interested in Gothic-style architecture, even if that is hard to tell by the style of our house.

I soon saw a tropical water spring, and Joe swimming. I laughed to myself, as he had hit his head on the rock cave surrounding the waterfall.

Then I saw our house; our modern mansion! That’s what made me realise that this dream, Joe’s dream, he dreamt it for a reason:

These are the places he feels happy. The car: simply Joe’s love of vehicles. The tropical paradise: showing his dream holiday.

Our house, well, that shows his love for me, Sydney, and our life right now how it is. Right here, right now.

By Riley Fenn
A big congratulations to the Grade 8 and 9/10 girls who were successful in winning this year’s High School grand final in the Devon Netball Roster. A special mention to the Grade 7 RHS 4 and The Wildcats who finished runners up. Well done to all girls who participated in the roster. A big thank you to the coaches for your work, support and early Saturday morning starts.

The Grade 9/10 girls were successful enough to play in the North / West championship against Marist Regional College. Unfortunately the girls were defeated, however were still invited to play in the Tassie Hawks State Cup in B division. The girls played well and definitely put up a fight drawing with Ogilvie High in the grand final. The game went into overtime but sadly the girls were beaten in a very intense and nerve racking game. Congratulations on the awesome effort to make it that far in netball, the girls should be very proud of their sportsmanship and the way in which they represented Reece High. A big thankyou to Kylie Taylor for coaching the girls and attending both tournaments.
Girls football
This year Reece High entered a girls team into a short Football Roster. Over the time the girls worked hard in both training and games in improving their skill and team work. The girls showed massive improvement from their first game compared to the last. Well done on the excellent team work and hard work.

Reece High Soccer 2014 report
2014 has been a great year for soccer at Reece High School. We fielded 3 teams, U14 boys team, U16 boys team and an U16 girls team. All teams have been competitive in their respective competitions throughout their rosters and have enjoyed good team play and sportsmanship. While the U14 boys and U16 girls did not win their competitions they certainly showed the Reece High competitive spirit in each game.

The U16 boys soccer team have been very successful this year and have dominated in all formats of the game. They won the six-a-side competition convincingly and conquered all teams in the full size game throughout the year winning the Devonport roster convincingly. They now play off against Marist College from Burnie in the North-West finals on Wed 15th Oct at 2pm at Reece High ground. We wish the grade 9/10 team all the best for the NW Trophy.

We do thank each team coach for the many hours spent with each team and the guidance and management they provided.
Another successful year for our grade 10 footballers has just finished. The boys went through the season losing only one game, culminating in a coastal grand final victory against Marist College by almost 100 points! This team has now won the coastal premiership in three of their four years representing Reece High, a great effort.

By winning the grade 10 section this year, the team qualified for the Tassie Hawks Cup where they took on the champion teams from the Launceston and Hobart areas at Aurora Stadium. After being well beaten in game one against the Hobart team, the boys had to back straight up against a fresh Riverside High School team eventually going down by two points and narrowly missing out on another grand final.

Overall, a very successful year by the team. All boys represented the school in an excellent manner throughout the season. Special thanks to the coach.

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**Reece Vs Devonport High Dodgeball**

On Wednesday the 24th of September Reece Prefects travelled to Devonport High to challenge their school leaders in the ongoing friendly rival tradition of dodgeball. It was an intense tournament and went right down to the wire in the dying seconds. Many dodgeballs were thrown like bullets towards each team. Devonport High managed to scrape over the line by 4 points in the end. Reece would thank to Devonport High for their ongoing support and organisation of this dodgeball tradition.
OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS

The school office will be open:

Monday 5/10/2014 – Thursday 8/10/2014  8.45 – 3.30

School Holidays Tee Ball & Softball
Tee Ball & Softball  4th &  11Oct at 10.30am Picton Grange softball ground, Latrobe (behind Latrobe Football Grandstands).
Contact Shelley Dodd for Information     Mobile: 0439 361 804 or Email: doddfour@bigpond.net.au

Information on the holiday program available at RHS office

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- Zombie Prom -

2014 Cast

Absent: Jacob Beard
A MUSICAL......Science fiction meets romantic comedy

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